



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
MIDDLETOWN CONNECTICUT
SEPTEMBER 2, 2015**

The Special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 6 p.m.

Present

Mayor Daniel T. Drew, Corporation Counsel Daniel B. Ryan, Councilman Thomas Serra, Councilwoman Mary Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope Kasper, Councilman Robert Santangelo, Councilman Grady Faulkner, Councilman Carl Chisem, Councilman Gerald Daley, Councilman James Streeto, Councilman Sebastian Giuliano, Councilwoman Sandra Russ Driska, Councilwoman Deborah Kleckowski, Councilman David Bauer, Acting Council Clerk Linda DeSena.

Also Present: 80 members of the public

1. Mayor calls meeting to order at 6 p.m.

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and asks everyone to rise to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanks everyone for attending the special meeting.

The Chair asks the clerk to read the call of the meeting. He declares the call a legal call and the meeting a legal meeting.

The chair thanks everyone for their attendance and participation; this is an issue that has engendered great interest in the City. He compliments everyone because this has been a substantive and civilized debate. It has been an extraordinary thing to see and makes him proud of the community at large. We are here tonight to discuss a possible compromise and to act on it and he wanted to make clear that his goal has been to find a way to satisfy everyone's needs and concerns and to ensure we are fair to everyone's needs. There are a lot of good things in the bond and we have been focused on fields, turf or not, but there is much more including tennis courts, trails, plays capes, splash pads, skating rink, new pool at Vets park, safety features in the parks, new lighting in the parks, passive recreation, new bathroom facilities, and rebuilding McCutcheon at Crystal Lake. There are a lot of good things here. He wanted to state that for the record. He states we have two public hearings on the agenda. For those interested on the bond package is the first public hearing; the second public hearing is on the resolution to amend the question that is on the ballot and can speak on that. If you want to address the substance of the bond, you should speak in the first hearing that he opens now.

2. Public Hearing Opens for Bond Ordinance

The Chair opens the hearing on the bond ordinance and asks that people keep their comments succinct and under five minutes. He asks for their name and address for the record.

Philip Pessina speaks to the bond specifically as the Chair of the Recreation and Community Service Committee. He states he is addressing them with mixed emotions about the bond. On one hand it will have public recreational benefits and the need for caution for synthetic fields and asks if it was vetted by the appropriate committees. Was the Health Department consulted? The use of grass fields will require an aggressive maintenance plan and cannot see anything in the plan for the six new fields by the Mayor. It is a large burden on the taxpayers and there needs to be a plan of action before the start of the project and how they will be maintained. We couldn't maintain them to date and how do we know it will be different with the grass fields. How will it be managed? There are challenges with the bond that need to be addressed: Maintenance, Repair and Enhancement costs.

Monica Belyea speaks in favor of the Mayor's proposal and add grass fields. She does not want them to play on artificial turf and opening more grass fields will open their use for more families. You will see more families playing on the fields. We want a chance for all families to have the opportunity to play on real grass fields. She would like to vote for this.

Darryl Ponzio resident has an invested interest for athletic facilities and parks. All are in dire condition and don't have sufficient fields for all to use and what must be decided is how to meet the supply and demand. All the youth organizations supported the original bond language and all

request to Council to take action to revert to the original bond language including natural grass fields at 8 locations and installation of artificial turf at 4 locations. This approach strikes the right balance with artificial turf and natural grass. We are here in a battle against a small group of people who are the protectors of the environment and these children. I am sure I speak for many that I do not need or want them to protect my children from these phantom dangers. There are too many concerns on maintenance cost to build the proposed additional fields. The minority group is unwilling to compromise and offer nothing but single-minded arguments. The CT DEEP and Public Health have stated that artificial fields do not provide a health risk as last as August, 2015. He has coached many games on artificial fields and have never seen or heard of kids getting burned. Park availability which has nothing to do with the bond will remain the same. He discusses the expense and the overall cost of hourly use is \$135 for natural grass and only \$57 an hour for synthetic turf. He hopes the Council will not cow down to this group and will take a position based on the unanimous support given by the people who will use the fields and support the original language of the bond.

Rosa Browne, President of the NAACP states she hopes the Council will vote for the compromise of grass fields. Ms. Allen addresses the costs and benefits of grass fields. She states the savings will make dollars available for economic development. They want to know, as an organization, what the costs are associated with the hazards of artificial turf fields. Izzy Greenberg states she supports grass fields but is also for the addition of parks in the compromise; she was surprised when she read the initial bond that city parks associated with the economic disadvantaged were mostly excluded. She discusses Donovan Park and that it serves the entire North End and Macdonough School, the only school without its own playground. These kids do not play organized sports and hopes the Council supports the compromise language.

Rev. Moses Harvill supports the improvement of the parks and recreation fields. He has not seen any major work in over 22 years. He also likes the compromise that we use what the God lord blessed us with dirt and natural grass. Let's move forward with this and do it for our children. Bishop W. Vance Cotton states he has not seen in over 25 years any improvements in the parks and it is more than time to do something to help our children to make sure they are looked at. He is here to ask the Council members to agree with the compromise that our Mayor has presented to us. Any time you can save the tax payers \$3.5 million in debt service and give us six more playing fields and ensure all fields are grass and properly constructed to make maintenance easier, this is a win/win for all of us. He is in full support in having more grass fields for less money and ensuring the parks bond is meeting and exceeding the needs of the community.

Leonard Stone speaks to the medical aspect of rubber filled fields. He discusses what tire rubber is composed of. It is not designed for use for children. He talks about the health effects of the composition of rubber. There have been reports of higher incidences of lymphomas and goalies make up for over 1/2 of the cancers reported. There is a need for more research and a health registry for athletics. He discusses temperatures and study by Brigham Young University. Sheila Stone, Conservation Commission, states she doesn't want her grandchildren playing on anything but grass based on the list of chemicals. There is no such thing as organic fill; the grass is still plastic and you will still get burns. She reads the list of preventive measures for use of turf fields. I would also like to thank the Mayor for the compromise the Mayor has put before us. It is a great one and asks the Council to vote for it. Stuffy White states he has enjoyed many hours and evenings on the playing fields with his children. He doesn't want them to play on artificial fields. If you want to look at what these fields are like, go to Wesleyan and look at theirs. Look at the one less than 14 years old. It is unpleasant. It is just crumbling rubber. You don't want to do anything there. My feeling is grass is good and artificial turf is unpleasant. The only attribute is when it is wet in the spring, but then it is not.

Rebecca Maclaughlin states she is presenting petitions to the Council and she reads from it; the signatures have only been collected since Sunday. This issue, once explained, people were willing to sign the petition. There are close to 300 signatures. I would also like to thank Mayor Drew by adding additional fields and the reduction in costs of the bond. She thanks Gerald Daley investigating how to maintain the fields organically. She asks if people are supporting the petition and please stand this amendment. Maria Rhymer discusses her son's fight with cancer and that he had to be isolated from school; he could play outside baseball, but could not be in an enclosed building. They played on lousy and good fields and played on turf. She personally chemicaled her grass and he is still alive. The kids have to be safe. There is so much that hinders to get the community involved. She urges the investigation of the impact on the children and don't get caught up with what is bad.

(Inaudible) she has lived in Middletown ten years and she played on turf her entire childhood and after hearing the doctor speak, she is a survivor and she has not heard about any friends getting sick. Turf would be good for Middletown. Look at what kids put in their mouths and look at cell phones. When she played on the fields, the chemicals were different. She hopes they play on turf fields. Deb Pettruzello states listening to what is being said, she had to address the Council. If we have turf fields, she has no problem with, I think turf fields would increase amount of kids playing and the time and if it is grass that is fine. We need to improve our parks, you need to choose something. If it is grass you have to improve maintenance which means looking at the pesticides you use. Let's do something with the parks.

Stephen Blade states it is imperative to come together to discuss our options to make the right decisions. He grew up playing on the fields in Middletown as a child and adult and now has children using the parks. He has coached and managed baseball for six years. They have many concerns about artificial concerns because of the health risks. Passing an amendment striking it is a poor decision. The bond ordinance had the benefit of grass and turf and as a community should come together to make the decision. After being left with that security, it was a disappointment that an amendment was passed and that the Mayor cast the deciding the vote. There are other organic fills that should be discussed. There are concerns about overuse and maintenance. We don't have the manpower to manage the fields we currently have. There are other concerns that need to be addressed at the parks. As plan more fields, we can't ignore maintenance. Public Works is doing its best. Hopes we don't end up with more fields as they are now because of lack of maintenance. The safe organic turf infill, we don't have the answers to that and should not slam doors and windows and work with experts. This is not ready for the citizen's vote. We are not ready to make those decisions for the future.

Roberta Sielbert, Watershed Partnership, serves all of CT and has come back this evening to support Mayor Drew's proposal; the second reason is the issue is too important. One of the things that the Common Council should realize is that it is about the common good and when you hear about costs and because you are interested in more than issues of finance that when you look at the common good and costs you look beyond money. People are talking about organic infill and she contacted experts on care of turf and what they have said is the infills require too many chemicals to contain them. Pathogens can grow in them and infills absorb water. I urge you to follow the precautionary practices and not do something that may harm children. In my career in public health, I was one of two people that was allowed to sign off on protocols on the health risks and risk benefit ratio and I can tell you that if this protocol to put synthetic turf I would not sign off on this protocol because it is research on our children.

Zach Eddinger represents Middletown Youth Soccer that spoke positively on synthetic turf. For clarity sake we support the bond in its original proposal and not the current proposal for six additional fields. We have for our facilities to be one of the newest and neither of these fields are playable for our children. Children still had injuries and we work with Recs and Parks and have helped us but at the end of the day and due to overuse and the need and the seasons we play, the turf fields for us are important. If you give the opportunity for synthetic, you take away their choice. Many kids leave Middletown to move to other towns to play on fields to get more experience and move to the next level. I had conversations with Darryl and all sports programs are on the same level. We need additional parks and what you propose is important, but it was a year of consultants for the original one and in one night you changed the proposal. You should have taken the amended proposal to figure it out as a group. When I came that night, not everyone is here from that night. We work on scheduling with Public Works and we don't want to turn anyone away and the synthetic turf option allows us to offer more to the children. It gives us the opportunity to keep kids in town.

Heather Iaderosa states she is involved with sports and is in support of the original bond language with synthetic fields. It enables flexibility and scheduling. Having synthetic allows us the flexibility to get on the fields timely. If synthetic fields were so horrible, why do surrounding towns have them. She names towns around Middletown that have synthetic fields. Some quoted Branford and Cheshire have grass fields, they also have synthetic fields that their youth sports programs play on. She asks that the Council revert back to the language agreed to in April. Michelle Malloy states that we strive to be the best we can be and think of our reputation as we host other towns. The fields today are embarrassing and dangerous. We need to do something; they need to be fixed. Her concern with the new proposal is the maintenance on six more fields. We don't maintain what we have and six more fields we can't take care of, we are not thinking of the children or our reputation to host other towns.

Kate Miller reminds the Council on the votes the Conservation Commission recently took and they are opposed to synthetic fields. We believe the environmental impacts out weight any potential good the fields can bring and ask the Council to remove the language of synthetic fields. She discusses being mom who went through the sports program. I have a lot of concerns. For seven years she worked in solid waste diversion in New Haven and it is impossible to view synthetic fields as other than land fill. But these are landfills; major excavations which a huge engineered infrastructure and what goes in must be waste. What is on top is synthetic; they outgas, leach and degrade over time. This solves a short term problem. We agree that we love our kids and have every opportunity and we need to do something about the fields. How we get there is the question. The synthetic field has to be removed in ten years. It will be recycled and pay a per ton recycle fee. We will pay for in fill and top surface to go on. There are costs down the road. One of the things she thought about was should she stay in Connecticut with over 1/3 of the ground water is contaminated. Asthma rates in Middletown are the highest. These are the things we can't do a lot about, but we can do something about the fields. She asks the Council to play it safe and stick to the grass.

Jane Brawerman thanks the Mayor and Council who voted to play it safe to remove the artificial language from the bond for grass fields. She has been concerned with the activity to review the language. Those who spoke out of artificial turf do not support with organic plant in fill and they have not been tested on their long term impacts. Artificial turf is still made of artificial plastic grass. These are still dead zones with the potential of polluting soil and water. Use of the

artificial turf fields would limit the use by the public and would only be available for sanctioned team sports. They will be fenced in and locked. Artificial turf has maintenance costs; according to manufacturing information they need regular maintenance and grooming with special equipment. Without maintenance, it affects the infill. If artificial turf becomes part of the bond language, she will be against it and lobby against it. Play it safe for our children and environment by using natural grass fields, organically maintained.

Krishna Winston expresses her concern for the need to replace synthetic fields not different from the what it cost to build them. Those expenses are likely to increase. The estimates as to the lifecycle vary considerably. She looked at the websites that do maintenance and recommendations for maintaining them and it takes an hour of maintenance for every ten hours of play and there are many chemicals that need to be put on the fields and they are dangerous chemicals. She has mentioned that PCB's were great and many schools are contaminated and no testing has been done for them. We thought pressure treated lumber was great for playscapes but it had so much arsenic that we had to get rid of those playscapes. She states it is not an elitist one, but one in looking out for the health of our children. When we undertake repairs to fields and parks at public expense, they should be available to everyone. Synthetic turf will be fenced off. It will cause problems down the road. She applauds the Mayor for his proposed compromise and adding more fields.

Greg Brooks states some observations is that people against artificial turf does not have a child currently playing sports. Our fields are not in great shape. Parks does a wonderful job. At the last all-star game, a ball took a hop due to a rut and hit a child in the face. Any sport, we are the ones impacted and we want the artificial turf. To totally eliminate the idea of any organic in fill or discussion of it is ludicrous; why close that door. Middletown baseball is losing players to surrounding towns. We are trying to keep the good kids in town. We are bringing out of towners back to Middletown. When you have a complex with artificial turf, you can host tournaments. We can't do that with the fields right now. He proposes keeping the original bond language and not take artificial turf off the table right now.

Mike Cherwanka Middletown Little League, urges the Council not to take artificial turf from the bond language. Dr. Gerry Sielbert, physician, speaks against crumb rubber in fill and agrees with the people that the fields are in bad shape and need to be better maintained. That is the key issue. If they are not maintained properly, they won't last as long. He has worked with Branford and Cheshire and the key issue is maintenance. If they are not maintained, it could be you need more manpower. The turf, real turf, looks very good. If you know what you are doing, the materials and equipment, it can be adequate and look very good. Six additional fields would be adequate, but you need to maintain it nontoxically. Organic in fill, coconut fiber is a growth medium for plants. You would have to do something about killing and removing them. It will grow bacteria, algae and fungi. You may run into problems. He sympathizes with sport people who want to play but it is possible to maintain natural grass fields. Matthew Quinn gives his background in maintaining high-quality turf. It is more difficult with pesticide regulations the State has set. The amount of use on these fields, we can't do the cultural practices that need to be done on these fields. The demand on high use fields, can't be done. Organic fills can be used, but they are more expensive and less effective. We have more sports sharing the fields and natural turf can't meet the demand. The Parks Department doesn't have the staff to maintain them. New fields will only solve the problem for a couple of years. Synthetic fields will help alleviate the problem on the high use fields. The answer to crumb rubber is organic fill from GeoTurf. It is guaranteed for 8 years for 50 hours a week. The infill will keep the temperatures down.

Anna (inaudible) states she is grateful to her activist friends for informing her. She urges everyone to vote for the compromise bill. We need to care for our fields but I can't believe the only way is to do something that science says is toxic. The only way to give kids a chance to play is to give them a steady diet of carcinogens to play. I want to vote for this bill and do it with a clear conscience that I am not putting children at risk. Allison Johnson states in the legislature there is an expression if it is a good bill, it ought to pass; the Mayor's compromise is a good one and it ought to pass. Frank Marchese states he is not supporting the amended bond this evening. They were called in to workshops and talking to the consultants about their needs and no one brought up the concern about synthetic fields. We spent hours with the proposal and made recommendations for the original bond and it looked good. Now we have a new bond and as a club no one gave us the opportunity to look at this or compromise. There is room for adjustment and no one gave us the opportunity. We did not talk about this. We talked about a mixture of grass and turf. We don't have to keep all the kids on turf. There were many ways to arrange this. He urges the Council to talk about this and not just spend the money. Let us not do it and cry about it later. Let's talk about it.

Steve Crouch represents Middletown Youth Soccer and is for the original bond with the turf fields. In the perfect world grass would be great. For what we have you would have to add ten people to the department to maintain what we have now; adding fields you have to add more than that to maintain them. We have four new fields in the last 7 years and they are in horrible shape. I support the turf fields and hope we can go back to the original bond. Joan Liska states she spoke at the last session and brought up several items and the major point I made was that the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act gives the EPA the authority to control hazardous waste and the disposal of a hazardous waste as a usable consumer product exempts it from the

requirements even if the end product is more toxic. Those products are not monitored for safety. Whole tires are hazardous waste, but the Act looks as chewed up bits of tires just fine for children's playing fields. We are the adults making the decisions for children for their health. The health concerns that are potential for playing on this field, should we put kids' health at risk. She shows a picture of a New Jersey field and it has a closed sign on it closed in 2008 after NJ health department raised concern about lead.

Gordon Bostek states he is a professional soccer player and played in Europe and the U.S. and played mostly on artificial turf, both indoor and outdoor. He is embarrassed when other towns come to play because the fields are in bad shape. Some of the coaches go to Home Depot to buy sand to fill holes on soccer fields. The people who support grass only, organization such as FIFA, held the summer World Cup in Canada on artificial turf. This is the first time that all games in the World Cup were played on artificial turf. I would like to see the mix of turf and grass. There is more than 50% residents who have the need for a turf field. We need to consider a mix of fields and make everyone happy. Kathy Lukiewicz states she doesn't choose the fields the kids play on, they are assigned. The fields are great and if maintenance is the issue, then deal with the issue. Let's maintain the fields well. I am not an environmentalist and I don't know about this, but some things don't feel right to me. This is an important referendum and it has more than fields that are important. If maintenance is the issue, then let's deal with it. Brian Stewart states regarding the mechanism of construction and why he is opposed. The best practice is to cover the grassy area with herbicide to destroy plant roots and then four inches of top soil are removed and crushed rocks are put in and packed down to become a solid substrate to install the artificial grass. The Grass is seemed together and then filled with crumb rubber. It is now impervious like an asphalt street. The ground water runs off and our water scours are scoured because of the separation of sewers. This will contribute to the problem. The quality of the environment suffers doubly when we pave surfaces and I don't know why we need to do that. Why create a surface that is different so that the condition of the current fields are poor? Is it because the kids can play longer hours and test scores are declining? What is the reason to do this at great expense when there are alternatives such as natural grass which we are now maintaining organically.

Patrick McKenna states he has injured himself on both grass and turf when playing sports and has friends on both sides of this argument. He agrees the fields are not in good shape and we need to do that. He has concerns about the cost and environmental concerns with artificial turf and supports construction of additional grass fields and funding for maintenance of the fields and organic practices.

The Chair states the tv booth will need to change the dvd. Elizabeth Holder spoke to the issue and states her concerns are multifaceted. If the problem is maintenance, let's address that and if it is overuse and cannot be solved, let's think of other ways instead of the easy way of putting in the so called turf fields. She talked about artificial turf fields and crumb rubber and not run an experiment with the children and environment as the subject of it. If we go to different infill we are running different experiments. We don't know much about them. They are ground up sneakers. Most are from Chinese rubber and she doesn't trust it. At this point she will support the compromise put forth by the Mayor for natural fields and the vote taken last week that restricts fields to natural fields. Stephen Devoto states the bond issue is fantastic for the city for the pool, playgrounds, fields, tennis courts and a great improvement. I applaud the Mayor for coming forward with a compromise plan. I am not opposed to artificial turf; what bothers me tremendously is listening to the coaches and athletic leads to say I represent 2000 families and then say I won't support bonding if it gives us six new fields; he also heard those against turf fields say they won't support the bond if it is in there. He spoke to the Athletic director at Wesleyan about turf fields and there are a lot of conditions they put in place before they were constructed like testing for heavy metals and only using in fill without heavy metals. There should be more approvals required like inland/wetlands and the board of education. I hope none of you will vote this ordinance down for the sake of protecting children whether it has artificial turf or not. He urges everyone to support it.

The chair states seeing no one further wishing to speak, he will close the hearing. A member of the public comes forward. The Chair states it will have to be after the change in the dvd.

Motion to Recess

The Chair states he will entertain a motion to recess; Councilman Serra so moves and is seconded by Councilwoman Kasper. The vote is unanimous. The Chair states we will reconvene at 8:05 p.m. and recesses the meeting.

Meeting Reconvenes

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 8:11 p.m. and reopens the public hearing.

David Brown states he played on turf fields and hated it. These are interesting and made it so with nine fields. He is a supporter of the Parks Bond and sports. I want to say yes to sports; he wants to say yes to fields if they are maintained. I am not for turf and for grass for a few reasons. I want to talk about open space. It's about open space in our neighborhoods; they are the closest and most important to our kids and if you put in an artificial turf field, it gets fenced and locked. These spaces are necessary for our kids to get out to play unsupervised. You put in those fields, that is gone. Pat Kidney is a large space used all the time. I think it is important to maintain access for everyone. The throwaway cultural needs to go away. You have to look at the life cycle

of the fields; the installation, maintenance, and replacement. You must look at it all and when you remove and replace it gets more expensive. Look at the entire process. He urges them to consider that. You need to look at the future. You are making plans for kids for the future. They will be paying the cost for our decisions and your choice. Your choice should be sustainable.

Kurt Westby states we should not be adding chemicals to the environment. There are so many already there, in what we eat and interact with at different levels. It is prudent to avoid one more possibility of bad health. With that in mind he wants to support the Mayor's proposal. Elise Springer states she is heartened with how many people are at this meeting. She commends Mayor Drew for being willing to take multiple ideas and be open to new concerns. We want the best for our kids' recreation. The one concern is as far as she can tell if we buy into artificial turf, we mortgage ourselves indefinitely because they have to be replaced. The grass fields will be muddy or ruddy, but we have dealt with that for a long time. If we don't replace artificial turf, they will be health disasters. We would be locking ourselves in a perpetual cycle. For that reason, it was a wise decision to pull that from the bond language, leaving the best of the proposal.

Scott Kessell states he wants to thank the coaches for all that they do and we are all here because we are concerned about our kids and love Middletown. It hurts to see everyone so angry when we want the same thing. I do support Mayor Drew's amendment and I believe in the grass fields over turf. Lucy McMillan states she thinks she can relate to the coaches regarding fields that are not maintained. So a history of fields not maintained causes a lot of divisiveness in the community. She supports the proposal from Mayor Drew to compromise. Dick Wheeler states he supports the Mayor's proposal and he would not want his children playing on artificial turf. The referendum is about more than playing fields. The parks are a great asset. He understands when the fields are not good. Over 80 women from 13 countries petitioned FIFA to not play on artificial fields. He thanks the Mayor for being thoughtful on this. He states I support no artificial turf.

3. Public Hearing Closes.

The Chair closes the public hearing on the bond ordinance.

4. Public Hearing Opens on Agenda Items

The Chair opens the public hearing on the agenda items.

5. Public Hearing Closes

Seeing no members of the public wishing to speak on the agenda item, he closes the public hearing.

6. Questions to Directors

The Chair opens questions to directors and asks for waiver of the rules in order to have Bond Counsel or Milone and MacBroom to answer questions.

Motion to Waive the Rules

Councilwoman Bartolotta moves to allow Bond Counsel and Milone and MacBroom able to answer questions from the Council; her motion is seconded by Councilwoman Kasper. The Chair calls for the vote and it is ten affirmative votes and one in opposition.

Councilman Serra has the floor and asks for the Town Clerk and then Bond Counsel. He asks about the technicalities. Linda Bettencourt comes forward. In terms of the Bond Ordinance adopted on the 24th, did you certify it. Ms Bettencourt states I certify it before your next meeting. Councilman Serra asks if the bond ordinance was published. Ms Bettencourt states it was the opinion of bond counsel that the amendment did not need publication. Councilman Serra states we changed an ordinance and it should have been publicized. He states it was new and you struck synthetic and they should have known this via publication. Bond Counsel states that from the date of publication, the voters have 15 days to initiate. Bond Counsel states that the August 24th, it is required to be published. Ms Bettencourt states the legal notice was published after the meeting. Bond Counsel states your charter has specific rules and the only time to have a public hearing is between \$500,000 and \$750,000 and it goes to referendum. Councilman Serra asks if the meeting publicized. Bond counsel states FOIA has a 24 hour requirement. Councilman Serra states this amendment this did not have to be advertised because it is an amendment. Bond Counsel responds yes. Bond Counsel states past Bond Counsels have required it, but not us. The only requirement for public hearings is between \$500,000 and \$750,000. Councilman Serra states it was not advertised for people to come here. Bond Counsel Andreanna states it is going to referendum to be decided. Councilman Serra states you don't have to advertise it because it is an amendment; he doesn't believe you don't have a requirement for a public hearing; you typically have public comment as part of your meeting. Councilman Serra asks when the 15 days start. Bond Counsel Andreanna states if it is approved, the fifteen days starts when the clerk publishes it in the paper. Councilman Serra your advice to the Council Clerk is it didn't have to be done. Atty Andreanna states it was a question if there was a need to publish a notice 5 days prior and I told her no. Councilman Serra states we did that before. I am wondering why. Atty Andreanna responds different advice. Councilman Serra asks different

advice with \$37 million dollars. Atty Andreanna responds. Councilman Serra states it doesn't make sense that this meeting should not have been advertised; given that, you are the bond counsel.

Councilman Santangelo states he will yield to anyone with questions of these individuals. Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska has questions of the Town Clerk. She asks what the deadline is for this to be valid with the Secretary of State's office. Ms Bettencourt responds tomorrow. Councilwoman Driska states tomorrow; Ms Bettencourt states her deadline is September 18, but the Council's deadline to have this as a referendum question is tomorrow. She spoke with Ted Bromley at the state and his belief as well as bond counsel is what after you do tomorrow, that doesn't change. Your deadline for decisions is tomorrow. My deadline is September 18. Councilwoman Driska states you can understand his point but when a city does a certain way and legally advertises, the deviation is the question. Atty Andreanna states it is legal. In the past practice, council clerk has typically published notice of the bond and he asked if it is typically required. My response is no.

Councilman Giuliano asks for clarification; his understanding is if they are putting something on the ballot, we cannot amend it further after tomorrow. Atty Andreanna states true. Councilman Giuliano asks a legislative action to repeal this ordinance is not subject to the same limitation and can be done after tomorrow. Atty Andreanna responds yes; Ms Bettencourt responds so long as it is done before I notify the Secretary of State; Ted Bromley has seen it many times where a town pulls it off. You can't add anything after tomorrow. Councilman Giuliano just wanted it clear what the Council's options are.

Councilman Daley asks bond counsel is his understanding is the practice has been appropriation requests are advertised in advance and historically a bond ordinance is considered an appropriation request. What is in my recollection and we have also been given advice that once it is printed all we can do is reduce it; we can't increase it. What is unprecedented is that we have after adopting a bond ordinance is amended it to reduce it and would that be analogous to amending an appropriation request without advertising it. Atty Andreanna states it would be analogous to that, because you are reducing it. Councilman Daley states this is a unique situation and have done that in the past. Likewise appropriations require publication and after 15 days take effect and can be appealed in that 15 days. Atty Andreanna states it is a Charter issue. Councilman Streeto states his questions are much along the same line; he is good. Councilman Faulkner asks on timing; once the referendum is passed what is the time for getting the actual bonds floated to start the project. Atty Andreanna states there is no deadline in the bond ordinance; it is prioritizing and working with Finance but there is no time restrictions. Councilman Faulkner asks how short a period of time. Atty Andreanna states you could probably after the election do it by the end of the year; December is not a good time to go to the market and the City usually goes out in the spring. When you did this issue you might have many projects bonded at the same time.

Councilman Santangelo asks for William Russo, Director of Public Works. Mr. Russo comes forward with Vince McDermott, Milone and MacBroom to respond to questions the Council may have. Councilman Santangelo states the purpose of the bond is to upgrade parks and recreation. How long is it before you will have your plan in place. Have you considered how many people you will need, training on organic fields, staff you need. Will you have a plan by next spring. Mr. Russo states this bond we started working on 3 months after consolidation, a year six months ago. After the Council and Mayor changed the bond language, he had 4 days to explore this and the issue is field usage. The fields are not in top shape; they play on Saturday and there is a game every 1-1/2 hours. This is both Saturday and Sunday and then practice every night during the week. If we have to add staff, it is \$75,000 per man for Maintainer I in Parks. We need ten men and the number is \$750,000; we studied the organic and we have to use it at the schools. They are in use now and it is contracted out. I anticipate if we have to go that way, it will be on our bid for a certified applicator. Councilman Santangelo asks if he has had a chance to see Pickle Ball. Mr. McDermott responds no. Councilman Santangelo states do you know where the extra fields will go. Mr. McDermott states no, but there are several sites we can look at adding fields like McCarthy Field and other school sites that had fields. Councilman Santangelo asks if you see that it is ten people needed. Mr. McDermott states he is not a maintenance person and can't comment on personnel, but can tell you the cost of maintaining a natural field is \$25,000 per year and includes everything. That is an industry standard and you should be talking about that for all fields.

Councilwoman Bartolotta states if you could breakdown on the realization of 4 to 6 fields to offset turf fields. Mr. McDermott states natural grass field is 1/2 million dollars if you had land to do that. Multiplying out you are talking about the \$3 million dollars; the Mayor asked if there were other savings with improving the existing turf fields. We were looking at doing that elsewhere, but for example if you were to save additional money by not doing synthetic turf at Country Club, you can do a natural field repairs and have savings and there are other ways to save to build those 4 to six fields. Councilwoman Bartolotta asks what additional training or maintenance will be needed for the fields. Mr. McDermott responds is some communities contract it out and turn it over. The other way is to have a turf committee that act as field tsars. They manage the fields so if they are too wet, you don't play. It is hard on the program, but it does maintain the turf. Other towns hire someone with the certification and is in charge of the fields and use; some send individuals for training. He recommends to have an integrated turf management plan to identify what cultural

practices would be required based on soil conditions. That is what we have done for other communities and schools. You need someone knowledgeable in turf science. A course is offered by DEEP. Councilwoman Bartolotta states you need someone to stay on top of the staff. Mr. McDermott the other factor, to maintain the natural grass field in top quality has limited use and you should only play on it 15 to 20 hours a week. Councilwoman Bartolotta states but that is why we are putting in additional fields, to reduce the hours of use. Mr. McDermott responds that is correct. Councilwoman Bartolotta states the fields you recommended would offset the usage. Mr. McDermott states it offsets what is needed in the spring and it is rectangular fields and would cover the numbers of hours per use and number of teams. It would meet your demand. Councilwoman Bartolotta states if we follow the course you set out, our fields should be beautiful to play on and welcoming to other towns.

Councilman Bauer is recognized and asks Director Russo how we came up with the initial report when we came up to \$28 million and lost track as to why it got bumped up to \$39 million and now back to \$34.5 million. I looked and can't seem to find the summary of what is in and what is out. He would ask for a summary of what is in and what is out. Is there one about the amounts in the bond. Mr. Russo states we discussed this. The \$28 million was Milone and MacBroom's study for Middletown; another firm did the bike path for us and is ready to move along. Councilman Bauer understands that but asks if there is a summary of the expenditures. Mr. Russo states it is in the bond ordinance. Councilman Bauer asks one more time project by project how does it add up to \$34 million. He would like a summary sheet he can follow along. Mr. Russo states he can provide it and you were privileged with the \$4 million for the bike path and the \$2 million to add for organic infill to synthetic fields and to the upgrades to the pool to make it ADA accessible. That was done by another firm. What is in front of you is what Milone and MacBroom has designed, the bike path, making the change for organic infill and Vet's pool to make it ADA required. Mr. Russo can get the information for him. Councilman Bauer asks Mr. McDermott we have been at this for a year and another part of the evolution is that when the proposal driven by organized sports was presented in the spring, the first chapter was a matrix of field use and in that did you have any input from the school system for the number of hours they might be using the fields. Mr. McDermott doesn't recall direct input, and the assumption was that the fields that had intensive use were not the school fields necessarily; they were Country Club, Long Hill and Hubbard, but input we did have is the school use of fields other than at the high school. We were not looking at the use duplicatively. We looked at Snow and Wesley and Woodrow Wilson that wasn't used necessarily by the school. Councilman Bauer states that is an open questions since we are switching gears from synthetic to grass fields. Mr. McDermott states you would be right if Middletown High is taking advantage of these fields, but we did not take into consideration if Middletown High would be using one of the other fields. Councilman Bauer states he heard a number of alarming things and didn't have the concern but we have synthetic turf fields; do you have the same concern raised by members of the public. Should we get our Health Director to shut the fields down immediately. Mr. McDermott responds no; he heard a lot of stuff tonight and the sources of information and understands the concerns for children, but if you really on the peer reviewed, the State of CT DEEP, DPH, and UCONN done in 2011 and reiterated this past January about the level of concern, there is no doubt that rubber has the tires in them and the question is are they released in the environment and UCONN and DPH said no and it was the same for studies in California and New York. The information regarding runoff is wrong; these are not solid fields and highly permeable. The method of construction is dead wrong. They do not need turf chemicals to kill the sod. So many things I heard were things in the media that are not proven by peer review. The temperature one is correct, but the fiber gets warm, not the rubber. He has heard many of these comments before, but he doesn't share the same concern about the risks. Councilman Bauer states Pat Kidney, Palmer, Hubbard were wetlands that became wetlands that are now parks and recreation areas; when you talk about irrigation, what in your experience, what kind of possible things can happen to alter the \$500,000 for the fields. Mr. McDermott states good quality natural fields, the first thing he would do is undertake soil tests and look at permeability and top soil content and looking for a layer that would impede vertical flow of water for drainage and looking at those make modifications to the structure the subsoil and it may mean a gravel blanket to carry the water away from the field to promote drainage. I would say you don't have that. We do this field y field. We may find the top soil is bad, but well drained below and design for that condition. The irrigation, you should not build a natural grass field without it. Councilman Bauer states to summarize it is not implausible we could get some surprises in certain locations in town. Mr. McDermott states yes, but he is comfortable with that number.

Councilwoman Russo Driska asks of Mr. Russo where the six new fields are going. Mr. Russo states we don't have that plan; we have to revisit the sites and discuss with the Board of Education. Councilwoman Driska asks if a study was done of the park maintainers of what you have and what you need. Mr. Russo states they have 12 maintainers and one is a second shift employee. Presently staff should have four more employees and with the additional six fields, we would need an additional 8 employees. Councilwoman Driska asks when the merger occurred, did you lose staff. Mr. Russo states no, but the superintendent became a Maintainer III so it was an additional person in the field. Councilwoman Driska states in your experience are you going to get 8 new people in your budget next year; Mr. Russo states you will have to tell me. Councilwoman Driska talked with people in the audience and they want to pass the referendum then figure out the manpower; it doesn't work that way. That is a major concern for me, but we have to support the fields properly. That is a major concern. Councilwoman Driska asks about chemical usage on the fields. Mr. Russo responds everything is bid. It is bid to a licensed

applicator. Any field attached to a school, you have to use organics. Councilwoman Russo asks about a field not attached to a school; Mr. Russo responds we don't have to use organics. They bring in professionals and on the staff we have someone like the golf course guy. He talks to the person who maintains them and they talk about treatment of the fields. Councilwoman Driska asks the fields not attached to the schools are they organic; Mr. Russo states not organic. Councilwoman Driska asks why we don't use organics on those fields. Mr. Russo responds everything to the turf and chemicals and you had a professional get up here and the opinions he has from the professionals is the organics doesn't do what it is supposed to do. Take a look at Moody; the field is organic and the use it cannot keep up with the demand but we have to use organic out there. Professionals tell us it is not good. Councilwoman Driska states so if we build six new grass fields not affiliated with schools, I will assume it is non organic treatment. Mr. McDermott states he relies on his knowledge of a colleague, about organics. He said the organic fertilizers there is nothing wrong other than the cost and it is a slow release. It is a cost. The issue isn't the fertilization, but the use of pesticides. When you have an infestation of grubs, they can take a field right out. There is a solution, the use of a nematode and the window is 15 days. Crabgrass is a real big problem and one way to get rid of it is watering. The pre-emerging crabgrass can be used but it is only 30% effective. It is a question of expectation of what type of grass you are playing on. The reconstruction can be initiated with chemical treatments and if you are rebuilding them at a school, but you can't use them to maintain them. That is the most important part. Not beating them up and not using them as much. Councilwoman Driska states they need a lot of maintenance and it comes back to the shortness of staff. Mr. Russo states it is a budget item.

Councilman Giuliano we heard to maintain a natural grass field is \$25,000; he asks about a synthetic field. Mr. McDermott responds about \$6,000. An organic infill would make it go up to \$8,000. Councilwoman Giuliano states they looked at an infill project made of plastic and contains none of the compounds in rubber. Mr. McDermott states geofill infill is being used at the field they are construction in South Windsor. It is not an organic infill. It is a coated silica and this same discussion was held up in South Windsor five months ago and made the choice of crumb rubber but went to a different choice. Councilman Giuliano states we can't predict what will happen five years from now that will make synthetic field attractive. Mr. McDermott responds that is right. Councilman Giuliano asks if they should build in a rotation schedule and would the six fields accommodate a rotation rest schedule. Mr. McDermott states at 20 hours a week, that is what you are doing. Limiting the amount of play serves that function. Councilman Giuliano asks Mr. Russo the projected savings in this amendment of \$3.5 million what that means is a savings of \$350,000 of payments over ten years. I have heard estimates of man power requirements from 8 to 20 people and \$75,000 per person is \$750,000 is the annual increase so long as we choose to maintain these fields and what is offsetting is the \$350,000 for ten years. Mr. Russo believes that is correct.

Councilman Santangelo asks about staff; this is a ten year project. Mr. Russo states yes; we would do a field a year. It will be a challenge to shut one field down a year. Councilman Santangelo states you would not hire all these people at once so it would not be a huge impact on any budget. Mr. Russo if it passes in November, they would go out with professional services and they would have to do studies. All the small projects would go the first year. Councilman Santangelo states you need four additional maintainers right now; parks have been understaffed my entire time on the Council. Mr. Russo states looking at Vets Park, they can't expect someone go through the park in a day. It is not anyone's fault, you can tell we are in need of a lot in our parks. If there is money, our guys will work and we will train them. It will take 8 to ten years to do it all. Councilman Santangelo states with or without the bond, you need 4 maintainers. Mr. Russo states they will study that.

Councilwoman Bartolotta follows up on questions asked pointing out that the fields away from the schools are not being organically maintained; she asks why they have to be done at the schools. Mr. McDermott states it is a state law. Councilwoman Bartolotta asks why it is a state law. Mr. McDermott if you talk to a Park and Recreation Director they are lobbying to change that. I think it is concern about the use of phosphates is bad for the waters. The equation that is missing is the applicator and the integrated turf management and monitoring of water quality. When we have done this and the pesticides show up in the well downstream, you have used too much. You need to be a minimalist about it. If you don't use chemicals, there is no problem. Councilwoman Bartolotta states there is a reason for this law and there are years of study on this.

Point of Order

Councilman Streeto states it is 9:30 and we are getting awfully far afield. The chair states thank you and asks that questions be directed to the bond at hand. Councilwoman Bartolotta states we are talking about grass fields and using organics instead of chemicals and there is a reason the State has passed this law. With all due respect we are talking about the bond. Councilwoman Kleckowski asks to follow up on questions regarding turf versus synthetic turf. The high school can go to year 13; what is the cost of tearing it up and replacing it versus grass and why do we go out to consultants to maintain the fields. She also asks the six fields are a compromise from the Mayor why is there not a priority and cost analysis for the field and the maintenance costs for that field. We don't have the plan to sustain them. Mr. Russo states it is all figured into the price; Councilwoman Kleckowski asks if this passes, how do we maintain them ten years from now. Mr. Russo responds it is man power; if it is turf, how do we replace them. Whenever we bring in firms, we get a number and look at it and in this case we worked with this firm and I told them to

bring the top number to the table so we don't have to come back. We are comfortable with building everything in the bond. We even looked at turf four and five years out. Councilwoman Kleckowski asks the turf the natural grass, what is the ratio of that and what are we taking away from open space. Mr. Russo responds this bond we have a great resource at Crystal Lake with our walking trails and flying kites; Vet's is different park as is Butternut and Pat Kidney. The bike trail, people will walk or jog and bike. There is something for everyone in the bond. The one thing we can lose sight of is the field usage. When we use them as we are using them, it is difficult to maintain. Councilwoman Kleckowski wants to keep the recreation community in mind.

The Chair, seeing no additional questions to directors, closes this portion of the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

7. Mayor requests Council Clerk to read the bond ordinance request and the Certificate of Director of Finance.

- A. Approving amending the Bond Ordinance approved by the Common Council on August 24, 2015 in the amount of \$36,950,000 to An Ordinance Appropriating \$33,450,000 For The Redesign, Renovation, Replacement, Reconstruction, Construction And Improvements At Athletic Fields, Parks And Trails City-Wide And Authorizing The Issue Of \$33,450,000 Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose (Read Section 1)**

Ordinance No. 19-15

**File Name 15sept2bondordinanceamendedparksproj
(Amended and Approved)**

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2015, the Common Council of the City of Middletown, Connecticut (the "City") approved a Bond Ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$36,950,000 FOR THE REDESIGN, RENOVATION, REPLACEMENT, RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS AT ATHLETIC FIELDS, PARKS AND TRAILS CITY-WIDE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$36,950,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE" (the "Original Bond Ordinance");

WHEREAS, the Original Bond Ordinance limits the construction of new athletic fields to natural grass only;

WHEREAS, based on information provided by the engineer that conducted the parks study for the City, the cost of constructing natural grass fields is less than the cost of constructing synthetic turf fields;

WHEREAS, there remains a strong demand for the use of City athletic fields;

WHEREAS, as a result, the Common Council now desires to amend the Original Bond Ordinance by reducing the amount of the appropriation and bond authorization and by expanding the list of potential City-owned sites to locate such natural grass athletic fields, parks and trails; and

WHEREAS, the Original Bond Ordinance shall be amended, restated and replaced by Sections 1 through 14 below.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT APPROVES THE FOLLOWING:

Section 1. The sum of \$33,450,000 is hereby appropriated for redesign, renovation, replacement, reconstruction and improvements to the athletic fields, parks and trails located at Woodrow Wilson School, Lawrence School, Moody School, Snow School, Wesley School, Pat Kidney Field, Hubbard Park, Smith Park, McCutcheon Park, Country Club Road Soccer Complex, Long Hill Road Soccer Complex, Palmer Field, Harbor Park, Spear Park and the Trail Spur off of the existing Mattabesett Trolley Trail as recommended by Milone & MacBroom in its study entitled, "City of Middletown Athletic Fields and Parks Evaluation – Recommended Improvements," dated July 21, 2015, and at Veteran's Park, McCarthy Park, Butternut Hollow Park, Westlake Drive Park (after the Park is acquired by the City), and any additional City school and City-owned site as determined by the Common Council. Said redesign, renovation, replacement, reconstruction, construction and improvements include, without limitation, demolition of existing site improvements and buildings; the installation of new multi-use natural grass fields; restoration of existing park and school recreation facilities for a variety of outdoor activities including, but not limited to, football, soccer, lacrosse, baseball, softball, and frisbee fields; basketball, volleyball and tennis courts; track and related field events; installation of new exercise and walking trails; construction of trails and bike paths and routes; pool upgrades, splash pad/spray park and playground construction, benches, trash receptacles, bike racks and signage; new and renovated fencing; pavement removal and replacement including curbing, sidewalks, painting, and striping; signage; landscaping and other site furnishings and amenities; demolition as needed; removal and replacements of grandstands, bleachers, lighting; construction of restrooms, concession and storage buildings; installation of security cameras; installation of ADA compliant site and building improvements; replacement of floating boat dock system; other equipment, property and appurtenances related thereto; the costs of professional services including, but not limited to, surveying, landscape architecture, engineering, architecture, construction and contract administration, and inspection; and all other costs necessary or appropriate for the project, including a contingency amount necessary to cover unexpected construction costs, project administration, advertising, printing, legal, and financing costs related thereto (hereafter the "Project"). Said appropriation shall not be inclusive of state and federal grants in aid thereof.

Section 2. The expected useful life of the Project is in excess of twenty (20) years. The total estimated cost of the Project is \$33,450,000, no portion of which is expected to be paid from sources other than the proposed bond issue.

Section 3. To meet said appropriation \$33,450,000 bonds of the City, or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose, may be issued, maturing not later than the twentieth (20th) year after their date, or such later date as may be allowed by law. The bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Mayor and the City Treasurer, and the amount of bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the Mayor and the City Treasurer. The bonds shall be issued in an amount necessary to meet the City's share of Project costs determined after considering the estimated amounts of grants in aid of the Project and will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the administrative, printing and legal costs of issuing the bonds. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, or, be combined with other bonds of the City and such combined issue shall be in the denomination per aggregate maturity of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in bearer form or in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the City by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the City Treasurer, bear the City seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor and the City Treasurer, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor and the City Treasurer, and be approved as to their legality by Bond Counsel. The bonds shall bear such rate or rates of interest (whether fixed or floating) as shall be determined by the Mayor and the City Treasurer. The bonds shall be general obligations of the City and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the City are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon and paid from property taxation to the extent not paid from other funds available for the payment thereof. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series, the annual installments of principal, maturity dates, prices, redemption provisions, if any, time of issue and sale, and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, including the terms of any reserve that might be established as authorized herein, shall be determined by the Mayor and the City Treasurer in the best interests of the City and in accordance with the requirements of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended.

Section 4. Said bonds shall be sold by the Mayor and City Treasurer in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in their discretion. If sold at competitive offering, the bonds shall be at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the City, or comparable method. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, the purchase contract shall be approved by the Mayor and City Treasurer.

Section 5. The Mayor and the City Treasurer are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of any series of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the City Treasurer, have the seal of the City or a facsimile thereof affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor and the City Treasurer, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor and the City Treasurer pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, and be approved as to their legality by Bond Counsel. They shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes, as the same may be amended from time to time. The notes shall be general obligations of the City and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the City are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the Project. Upon the sale of said bonds the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such temporary borrowings then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 6. In connection with the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized herein, the City may exercise any power delegated to municipalities pursuant to Section 7-370b, as may be approved and executed by the Mayor and the City Treasurer, including the authority to enter into agreements moderating interest rate fluctuation, provided any such agreement or exercise of authority shall be approved by the Common Council.

Section 7. With respect to the receipt of original issuance premium or bid premium upon the sale of the bonds or notes herein authorized, the Mayor and City Treasurer are authorized, but not required, to apply original issuance premium and bid premium, if applicable, to fund future debt service payments on such bonds or notes or to fund any purpose for which bonds of the City are authorized to be issued, and such application shall reduce the amount of authorized and unissued bonds of the purpose to which the premium was applied, in the amount so applied.

Section 8. In order to meet the capital cash flow expenditure needs of the City, the Director of Finance, with notice to and advice from the Mayor and the City Treasurer, is authorized to allocate and reallocate expenditures incurred for the Project to any bonds or notes of the City outstanding as of the date of such allocation, and the bonds or notes to which such expenditures have been allocated shall be deemed to have been issued for such purpose, including the bonds and notes and Project herein authorized.

Section 9. The issue of the bonds aforesaid and of all other bonds or notes of the City heretofore authorized but not yet issued, as of the effective date of this Ordinance, would not cause the indebtedness of the City to exceed any debt limit calculated in accordance with law as shown by the "Debt Statement" attached hereto.

Section 10. The Mayor is hereby authorized to spend a sum not to exceed the aforesaid appropriation for the purposes set forth herein, and the Mayor is specifically authorized to make, execute and deliver any contract or contracts, and any other documents necessary or convenient to complete the improvements authorized herein and the financing thereof.

Section 11. The Mayor, the City Treasurer, the Director of Finance and any other proper City official are each hereby authorized to apply for and accept any available State or Federal grant in aid of the financing of the Project, and to take all action necessary or proper in connection therewith.

Section 12. The City hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to 1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid 60 days prior to and after the date of passage of this ordinance in the maximum amount and for the Project with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations authorized to be issued by the City. Such obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the Project, or such later date as the Regulations may authorize. The City hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Director of Finance or his designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of any such reimbursement obligations, and to amend this declaration.

Section 13. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to exercise all powers conferred by Section 3-20e of the general statutes with respect to secondary market disclosure and to provide annual information and notices of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect when the same shall have been approved by a majority of those voting thereon at a referendum called and warned for such purpose. The date and other particulars of such referendum shall be determined by resolution of the Common Council. In the event that this ordinance shall not be approved at such referendum, it shall be null and void and of no effect.

SEE ATTACHED DEBT LIMITATION SCHEDULE

DEBT STATEMENT
June 30, 2015
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT

ANNUAL RECEIPTS FROM TAXATION AND REIMBURSEMENTS ("BASE")	
Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	
2014	112,444,634
BORROWING CAPACITY FOR EACH CLASS	
2-1/4 times base for General Purposes	253,000,427
4-1/2 times base for Schools	506,000,853
3-3/4 times base for Sewers	421,667,378
3-1/4 times base for Urban	
Renewal	365,445,061
3 times base for Unfunded Past Benefit Obligations	337,333,902
MAXIMUM AGGREGATE BORROWING CAPACITY	787,112,438
7 times Base	
INDEBTEDNESS BONDS AND NOTES:	
GENERAL PURPOSES	58,252,645
SCHOOLS	13,186,380
SEWERS	5,697,700
URBAN RENEWAL	-
UNFUNDED PAST BENEFIT	
OBLIGATIONS	-
BONDS AND NOTES AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED:	
GENERAL PURPOSES	25,979,270
SCHOOLS	834,000
SEWERS	11,596,730
URBAN RENEWAL	-
UNFUNDED PAST BENEFIT	
OBLIGATIONS	-
CLEAN WATER FUND LOANS:	
SEWERS	5,153,750
SUB-TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS	120,700,475
LESS	
FEDERAL AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT	
BUILDING GRANTS, COMMITMENTS AND	
RECEIVABLES	
GENERAL PURPOSE	-
SCHOOLS	-
SEWERS	-
URBAN RENEWAL	-
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	-
NET INDEBTEDNESS	120,700,475
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	
BALANCE OF BORROWING	
CAPACITY FOR EACH CLASS:	
GENERAL PURPOSE	168,768,512
SCHOOLS	491,980,473
SEWERS	399,219,198

URBAN RENEWAL	365,445,061
UNFUNDED PAST BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS	337,333,902
BALANCE OF MAXIMUM AGGREGATE BORROWING CAPACITY AVAILABLE	666,411,963

Councilman Gerald Daley reads and moves for approval amending the Bond Ordinance approved by the Common Council on August 24, 2015 in the amount of \$36,950,000 to An Ordinance Appropriating \$33,450,000 For The Redesign, Renovation, Replacement, Reconstruction, Construction And Improvements At Athletic Fields, Parks And Trails City-Wide And Authorizing The Issue Of \$33,450,000 Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose (Read Section 1). Councilman James Streeto seconds the motion.

Motion to Waive the Rules

The Chair asks for a motion to waive the rest of the reading of the ordinance. Councilman Chisem moves to waive the reading and is seconded by Councilwoman Kasper. The vote is unanimous to waive the reading with eleven aye votes.

Councilman Daley thanks everyone who appeared tonight as well as August 24. It is a credit that so many people are concerned about our City and young people. He also thanks all those who used e-mail and social media to get in touch with them. It is a difficult decision and regardless of what happens here tonight not everyone listening will be fully happy. Listening to all the comments and doing my best to research this subject, there are certain things there is a consensus on. We can all agree we need to improve the parks and there are pluses and minuses to each approach. We need to improve park maintenance. We can agree on those things. Through my research have come to the conclusion that there is no clear evidence that synthetic fields save us money over natural grass fields. Milone and MacBroom say the cost of natural field is \$500,000 and synthetic is \$900,000. Maintenance for natural is \$25,000 a year and synthetic says \$6,000 to \$8,000 and another study showed organic infill is between \$10,000 and \$20,000. If you take the difference of grass versus synthetic with the savings from the field, it is roughly \$28,000 and it doesn't take into account replacing synthetic turf after ten years. Maintenance is needed for both types of fields. One convincing argument there is for synthetic is it increases playability and that comes in as a factor if your demand exceeds the availability. If you have enough fields to meet your demand, the fact synthetic gives you more usage, it doesn't matter if you have enough fields. The demand for rectangular fields in the spring is greater by 60 hours per week. We need based on this three or four more fields. If we approve our fields, there will be more utilization, so hopefully six fields will meet that. I also know that there is lots of information on synthetic fields and the information is from people who sell synthetic fields and independent reports raise questions. I think we have to be mindful that a lot of other towns are moving away from the crumb rubber. We heard from enough people and the literature raise enough concerns about those fields and err on the side of caution and address the maintenance issues. Because of these factors I support the proposal before us tonight and put this on the ballot in November and let's get started on this right away. We should not delay this. It is long overdue. He will support the ordinance tonight and urges his colleagues to do the same.

Councilwoman Bartolotta proposes a friendly amendment in Section 1 starting at the 9th sentence. I would like to add after any additional city owned sites and remove deemed appropriate and replace with approved by and remove any building committee and put Common Council. Councilman Streeto seconds the motion. Councilman Daley takes it as a friendly amendment. He calls for the vote and it is unanimously with twelve aye votes. Councilwoman Bartolotta states the first person to speak was from the Recreation and Community Services Committee and I sit on that committee and she would have liked to see him the night the bond first came to the Council. The second thing is the reference to DEP and the government study. The studies are not long enough and broad enough. There has not been sufficient studies to say it is not harmful. Crumbling the rubber causes more off gassing. Until a study can say there is no harm, then she will not have any part of synthetic fields. I would like to refer to the comments about the fields. Our professional women's league sued to play on natural fields and some of the argument was it was fine and she points out the heat from the field. She quotes an article from January 15 of this year. The chair states it is time for the Council members to make their point. Councilwoman Bartolotta says she was taken aback on the poor conditions of the fields. She asks that you reach out to the Recreation and Community Services committee for our help. I will be in favor of voting in favor of the Mayor's amended bond proposal.

Councilman Bauer states I have been part of the Public Works and Facilities Commission for the year and his focus was on the overall wellness of the City's children and provide the best facilities financially responsible way. This is for our children and what gets the most for their wellness. If we can get children out to play as many hours as possible, I can't think of a better prescription. With that, this whole issue of grass fields, there are too many unanswered questions. We have had a 60 year experience with grass fields and we have not succeeded. I do not think it is

financially responsible. I will vote no. There is a list of things we need to do operationally to take care of the fields proposed and the responsible thing is to come to the hope grass fields might work. When we do roads and buildings we do engineering studies before the bonding and that is missing from this project. I will vote no. We have the list of things we need to do to address the needs for the parks. If we have the right facilities, the adults can engage in play and lead by example. All those facilities should be made available but we need to do it in a financially responsible way. We did not have a simple summary of what is in this bond. I am going to vote no tonight.

Councilman Serra is taken aback that we have not touched our parks in 22 years; that is the reason Public Works embarked on this task and from day one it was in the original bond language for turf field. He does not believe it is a compromise. What needs to be done in my opinion, we can't rush to judgment. You have this report for \$28 million, \$4 million for the bike path, Vets Park which is \$4 million with no plan. We spent a year to do the plan and now you have nothing. In addition, we don't know the location of the fields and the cost. We put in the cost of organic fields; Councilman Street made sure relative to toxicity. I believe this should not be done. We have not vetted the changes. Where is the long term planning relative to these changes. More employees, proper equipment, it is just not here so why do it this evening. Putting turf fields aside, there is no plan of action relative to at least \$10 million. How does the Council move forward without a plan of action. Find the appropriate fields, where is the plan of action. Public Works Commission went through the whole thing and in one week it is decimated. We need to step back and if the Council says grass fields, then let's do it. To do it haphazardly, he will not support it.

Councilman Streeto states he is offering a friendly amendment; at the variety of outdoor activities, lacrosse is in there twice, we only need one. I did check with Bond Counsel and it is a typo. We should strike the second lacrosse. Councilman Daley take sit as a friendly amendment. Chair calls the vote and it is unanimous. There is only one reference to lacrosse. Councilman Streeto states he did discuss this with Councilman Serra and felt the use of organic fill would have addressed the concerns and flexibility is the outcome. After the last meeting and this one, I don't think we will come to a consensus and the issue is not going to go away. Sending it back to Public Works is we will have the conversation again in a year. He would like to see the bond passed and there is a uniform consensus the parks are unacceptable. This issue will not go away. It will allow us to move forward and do something for the kids immediately and we desperately need to do now. I recognize Councilman Serra's objections, but in this climate this is what we can do and it is positive and an improvement in our community and I will vote for it.

Councilman Faulkner just to confirm we will be having a building committee and the projects will come to the council. The chair agrees with that. Councilman Faulkner asks because he has concerns with the package and it has some details but I would like to see more specifics on how we will utilize these fields. He went to the YMCA meeting and was invited to Camp Ingersoll and he forgot he had gone to camp as a kid and when he got there he remembered how refreshing it was to be out there so one of the things I see is what do we have the kids doing here and there. They need down time. We need to look at what the kids are doing for their minds as well. They need down time and relaxation and as we are dreaming all the things to put them into, we need to pay attention to their space and creativity. Recreation is not just sports.

Councilman Giuliano like Councilman Serra and Councilman Bauer I will not support this tonight. Tonight we are being asked to put Humpty Dumpty together again. It might impact Matabasett. This bond accedes to the demand of one group over another. This will be only spent on grass no matter what new things are developed. This body chose to disregard the expert evidence before us and bend to the opinions of others who don't have the record to give them. This was the result of a year's effort; in two hours it was eviscerate and tonight we are here to vote on a compromise. Again no funds may be expended on fields not covered with grass and the administration assures us the six fields will serve our recreational and sports needs and they will all be maintained that will leave. The first problem is we don't know where the new fields will be built. the voters are asked to trust this administration and future ones. Voters are asked to place their trust with the city for ever and ever. The Humpty Dumpty Nursery Rhyme shows some things can be damaged beyond repair. The only thing we can and should do is repeal this ordinance and exercise a plan the whole community can accept. I will submit a transcript of my statements to be appended to the minutes.

Councilwoman Driska was disturbed to hear from one of the members that this was the best we would get from the voters. As politicians and leaders, that means making hard decisions but when you spend \$33.5 million and has divided the community, we should be looking at a compromise that takes in all sides. What I heard tonight there were many factions not taken into consideration. She has done research and I am not saying we won't do six grass fields, but where are they going to go and who will maintain them. We have to do this right. We have to move now; why, it is a ten year program. Let's do it right and come back in six months and have a referendum. \$36,000 for a referendum is a heck of a lot better than \$33.5 million that we don't know what we will be doing over the next ten years. As Councilman Serra stated, let's take a step back and let the Public Works commission do their job and bring it back to us and look at where the fields would go. We have to commit to 8 new people in the budget to maintain them. That is what leaders do.

Councilwoman Kleckowski states I will not support this, though I am a proponent of grass over turf. We were presented this matter in the last couple of days and we don't know where the six fields will be. There is no plan; which field is being done first. How will it be done and what is the annual plan for ten years. This is a lot of money. She thanks all the speakers. We are here united and take our parks seriously but we can't vote blindly on just six fields. We don't know what we are voting on so I will not support this and look forward to a possible repeal at the regular meeting and when we come back to the public there will be a plan as to which field we will focus on and the order as well as the long term maintenance. I will not be supporting this bond.

Councilwoman Kasper states I too have done research on the turf fields versus the grass and there were less studies and I didn't hear one that came from Environment and Human Health, done by a Yale University Professor, that shows that kids are exposed to toxics. I would not want my children or anyone else's exposed to possible turf or the heating up of the turf. There is more planning that needs to be done and my concern is that if we sent it back we will be looking at turf versus grass so I will be supporting this this evening.

Councilman Daley states a significant part of the original proposal involved restoration of the current fields. It is important that goes to the heart of the maintenance problem. At a certain point, you can only do so much with routine maintenance and sometimes you need to rebuild and that is where we are at with our fields. They are not in a satisfactory condition and they need an upgrade and this bond will allow that. It is an eight to ten year program not unlike many other bond ordinances, details came after the money was authorized. Look at the High school and road bonds. It is not uncommon to do the detail planning and engineering after the money is authorized. In this case, there are some things that can be addressed right away and should be done. To send this back, we will not learn anything with synthetic versus grass. There is a divided opinion and he doesn't think that will change. We have an opportunity tonight to take a step forward and that is what we should do.

Councilman Serra states as I said earlier, we don't have a plan of action. If these fields are on Board of Education land there is no policy for us to use those fields and to try to use the fields at Middletown High School, you can't. We need to work on an agreement to use the fields. I cannot believe in a week we will vote on \$35 million that has changed twice.

The Chair states we will have a roll call vote and asks anyone for it to vote aye and if against to vote nay.

The chair calls for the vote by roll call.

Councilwoman Bartolotta	Aye
Councilman Bauer	Nay
Councilman Chisem	Aye
Councilman Daley	Aye
Councilman Faulkner	Aye
Councilman Giuliano	Nay
Councilwoman Kasper	Aye
Councilwoman Kleckowski	Nay
Councilwoman Russo Driska	Nay
Councilman Santangelo	Aye
Councilman Serra	Nay
Councilman Streeto	Aye

It is 7 aye votes by Councilwoman Mary Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope Kasper, Councilman Robert Santangelo, Councilman Grady Faulkner, Councilman Carl Chisem, Councilman Gerald Daley, Councilman James Streeto; 5 nay votes by Councilman Thomas Serra, Councilman Sebastian Giuliano, Councilwoman Sandra Russ Driska, Councilwoman Deborah Kleckowski, Councilman David Bauer and 0 absent. The Chair states the matter carried with 7 affirmative votes, 5 in opposition and 0 absent.

8. Resolutions

- A. **Approving amending the resolution for a referendum date of November 3, 2015 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. to submit the bond ordinance for \$15,000,000 for the Planning, Design Acquisition and Construction for a portion of the force main and inter-municipal pump station in connection with the Mattabassett Regionalization Project and the amended bond ordinance appropriating \$33,450,000 for the Redesign, Renovation, Replacement, Reconstruction, Construction, and Improvements at Athletic Fields, Parks and Trails City-wide to the voters of Middletown.**

Councilman Daley reads the resolution for referendum in its entirety and moves it for approval. His motion is seconded by Councilman Streeto.

Motion to Amend

Councilman Bauer proposes an amendment. He moves for the complete removal paragraph 2 and rename paragraphs to correct the numbering. Councilman Giuliano seconds the motion. The Chair states you are removing the bond ordinance from the ballot. Councilman Daley states it might be against the Charter and that these bonds have to go to referendum and asks for an opinion to see if it is out of order. Corporation Counsel states he agrees with Councilman Daley and to do the amendment would be to defeat the entire act. The Chair asks the seconder, Councilman Giuliano, since the amendment is not appropriate, would he like to address the underlying motion. Councilman Giuliano states since it is ruled out of order, he will vote in favor of Councilman Daley's resolution without prejudice to vote in a manner inconsistent on this matter next Tuesday. I think procedurally we don't have a choice but to pass this. The bond ordinance has been adopted and we can't take an action that is inconsistent and a back door effort to repeal it. While I seconded the motion to let Councilman Bauer express the opinion behind it, I don't think voting for this will bind us to any future action on this matter.

Move to Divide the Question

Councilman Serra states he would like to split this, to vote, one for Mattabassett and one for the \$33 million, I would like to do this if appropriate. He would like to bifurcate this. One for Mattabassett; second, would be for the \$33.5 million. Corporation Counsel would like to confer with Bond Counsel.

Corporation Counsel Ryan states after conferring with Bond Counsel it is his opinion we could split it into two parts as proposed and have a separate vote on each. Councilman Serra so moves and Councilman Giuliano seconds the motion. Councilman Streeto it is a friendly amendment if we don't have discussion. Chair asks for further discussion. The Chair asks if there needs to be specific language. Response is inaudible. The Chair summarizes the comments by stating the Council can charge you to write two resolutions with separate questions.

The chair calls for discussion on the underlying resolution; hearing none he states he will call for the vote. Councilman Bauer is recognized and states we have not mentioned the \$15 million for Mattabassett and he urges everyone to approve this because he could not contemplate what would happen to the sewer system. Bond Counsel Andreanna comes forward and states you need two votes.

The Chair thanks him and calls for the vote on the Mattabassett Bond Ordinance by roll call; it is unanimous to approve with twelve aye votes.

Resolution No. 93-15

File Name 15sept2amendedmattabassettquesiton
(Approved)

AMENDED RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR REFERENDUM**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:**

1. That the ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A SUPPLEMENTAL \$15,000,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION FOR A PORTION OF THE FORCE MAIN AND INTER-MUNICIPAL PUMP STATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE MATTABASSETT REGIONALIZATION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$15,000,000 BONDS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE", as adopted the Common Council at its meeting of August 24, 2015, be submitted to a referendum vote of the electors of the City for approval or disapproval on November 3, 2015 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. and that the warning of said referendum state the question to be voted upon and the ballot label with respect thereto as follows:

Question 1:

"Shall the ordinance entitled 'AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A SUPPLEMENTAL \$15,000,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION FOR A PORTION OF THE FORCE MAIN AND INTER-MUNICIPAL PUMP STATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE MATTABASSETT REGIONALIZATION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$15,000,000 BONDS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE', as adopted by the Common Council on August 24, 2015, be approved? YES NO"

The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

"Shall the supplemental \$15,000,000 appropriation and bond and obligation authorization for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of a force main and inter-municipal pump station in connection with the Mattabassett Regionalization Project, pursuant to the ordinance adopted by the Common Council on August 24, 2015, be approved? YES NO"

2. The voting will be by paper/electronic ballot. Those desiring to vote for a question shall fill in the box in front of the question on the ballot at "**YES**". Those desiring to vote against a question shall fill in the box in front of the question on the ballot at "**NO**". Absentee ballots will be made available in accordance with the law.

3. The warning of said referendum shall also state that the full text of the aforesaid ordinance and question are on file open to public inspection in the office of the City and Town Clerk, that the vote on the aforesaid bond ordinance is taken pursuant to Chapter IX, Section 2 of the City Charter and Chapters 90 and 152 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and that absentee ballots will be made available in accordance with the law.
4. The City and Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and print pursuant to section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes (i) explanatory text for the foregoing question and (ii) materials concerning such question in addition to the explanatory text.
5. The Resolution providing for Referendum adopted by the Common Council at its meeting on August 24, 2015 shall be of no further force and effect.

Councilwoman Bartolotta	Aye
Councilman Bauer	Aye
Councilman Chisem	Aye
Councilman Daley	Aye
Councilman Faulkner	Aye
Councilman Giuliano	Aye
Councilwoman Kasper	Aye
Councilwoman Kleckowski	Aye
Councilwoman Russo Driska	Aye
Councilman Santangelo	Aye
Councilman Serra	Aye
Councilman Streeto	Aye

The Chair asks Bond Counsel if they need another motion; he responds no. The Chair calls for the vote on the amended Park Bond Resolution referendum.

Resolution No. 94-15
File Name 15sept2amendedparkquestion
(Approved)

AMENDED RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR REFERENDUM

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:

1. That the ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$33,450,000 FOR THE REDESIGN, RENOVATION, REPLACEMENT, RECONSTRUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS AT ATHLETIC FIELDS, PARKS AND TRAILS CITY-WIDE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$33,450,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE”, as adopted by the Common Council at its meeting of September 2, 2015, be submitted to a referendum vote of the electors of the City for approval or disapproval in conjunction with the general election on November 3, 2015, between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. and that the warning of said referendum state the question to be voted upon and the ballot label with respect thereto as follows:

Question 2:

“Shall the ordinance entitled ‘AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$33,450,000 FOR THE REDESIGN, RENOVATION, REPLACEMENT, RECONSTRUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS AT ATHLETIC FIELDS, PARKS AND TRAILS CITY-WIDE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$33,450,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE’, as adopted by the Common Council on September 2, 2015, be approved? YES NO”

The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

“Shall the \$33,450,000 appropriation and bond authorization for the redesign, renovation, replacement, reconstruction, construction and improvements at athletic fields, parks and trails City-wide, pursuant to the ordinance adopted by the Common Council on September 2, 2015, be approved? YES NO”

2. The voting will be by paper/electronic ballot. Those desiring to vote for a question shall fill in the box in front of the question on the ballot at “**YES**”. Those desiring to vote against a question shall fill in the box in front of the question on the ballot at “**NO**”. Absentee ballots will be made available in accordance with the law.

3. The warning of said referendum shall also state that the full text of the aforesaid ordinance and question are on file open to public inspection in the office of the City and Town Clerk, that the vote on the aforesaid bond ordinance is taken pursuant to Chapter IX, Section 2 of the City Charter and Chapters 90 and 152 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and that absentee ballots will be made available in accordance with the law.

4. The City and Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and print pursuant to section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes (i) explanatory text for the foregoing question and (ii) materials concerning such question in addition to the explanatory text.
5. The Resolution providing for Referendum adopted by the Common Council at its meeting on August 24, 2015 shall be of no further force and effect.

The Chair calls the vote by roll call:

Councilwoman Bartolotta	Aye
Councilman Bauer	Nay
Councilman Chisem	Aye
Councilman Daley	Aye
Councilman Faulkner	Aye
Councilman Giuliano	Nay
Councilwoman Kasper	Aye
Councilwoman Kleckowski	Aye
Councilwoman Russo Driska	Nay
Councilman Santangelo	Aye
Councilman Serra	Nay
Councilman Streeto	Aye

It is eight aye votes and 4 nay votes. The Chair states the matter is approved with eight affirmative votes and four in opposition

9. Meeting adjourned.

Councilwoman Bartolotta moves to adjourn and is seconded by Councilwoman Driska. The Chair calls the vote and it is unanimous to approve with twelve aye votes. The Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

MARIE O. NORWOOD
COMMON COUNCIL CLERK

Remarks of Councilman Giuliano:

PARKS IMPROVEMENT BOND ORDINANCE
COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2015
Text of remarks of Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano

I learned, at a very young age, that you can't put Humpty Dumpty back together again but, tonight, we are being asked to try. I believe that this matter is doomed to defeat in November and no amount of "tweaking" will rescue it. What is more, it may adversely impact the Mattabassett pump station question with which it has been paired.

In its present form, we have a bond ordinance that accedes to the demands of one constituency while virtually ignoring the interests of another. On August 24, we asked the public to approve \$37 million, not one cent of which can be expended on anything but grass; ever, under any circumstances and no matter what technology might be developed in the future. This state of affairs exists because this body, which is supposed to represent *all* the citizens of Middletown and is supposed to consider facts instead of conjecture, chose, at the eleventh hour, to disregard the *expert* evidence before it, in the form of peer-reviewed studies and tests, performed at the highest standards by some of the most prestigious and renowned institutions in this country, and to bend to opinions offered by persons who lack the requisite expertise to render them. Whatever you may believe about the proposal that was presented last Monday, it was the result of a year's effort and included the input of many people on the advantages versus disadvantages of all options; in two hours, it was eviscerated.

Tonight, we are summoned here to consider an amendment to that ordinance, offered by the administration, in a last-ditch effort to save it. It proposes to reduce the total amount from \$37 million down to \$33½ million, and to add six new grass fields to the City's inventory. Again, no funds may be expended on fields not covered with grass. We are assured by the administration that these six additional fields, along with the redesigned, renewed and reborn current facilities, will serve our recreational and sports needs as far into the future as the mind's eye can see, and that they will all be maintained to a standard that will leave Major League Baseball and World Cup Soccer in awe.

The first problem with this proposal is that we have no idea where these "new" fields will be built; whether they will be "dedicated" or "multi-purpose", lighted or not or when they will come into being. The voters are being asked to trust the current or a future administration to make the right decisions. A comforting thought, I'm sure.

The second problem is that all of these grass fields, both existing and hoped-for, will require a commitment to keep and maintain them in playable condition. Again, the voters are being asked to place their trust in the City's promise to honor such a commitment, for ever and ever. If "past practice (fifty years of it) predicts future performance" why would anyone who has seen the current condition of our parks and fields be willing to have faith in us? If we are going to operate on assumptions that require a willing suspension of disbelief, then let's throw-in the purchase of a bridge in Brooklyn while we're at it.

The "Humpty Dumpty" nursery rhyme teaches children a very adult truth: that some things can be damaged beyond repair. I believe that this project no longer has any credibility with the voters and this proposed "compromise" is only making a bad

situation worse. The only thing we can, and should, do is to repeal this ordinance in its entirety and exercise all of our best efforts to produce a plan that the whole community can support. As we sit here tonight, we don't have anything approaching that.

PETITION FROM RESIDENTS:

We the citizens of Middletown ask the Common Council and Mayor Dan Drew to put the health and safety of our children first, by ensuring all new and renovated playing fields will be of natural grass, and that all grass fields be maintained organically, without the use of synthetic pesticides or other harmful chemicals.

Name	Signature	Street Address	Preferred Contact Info (Email/Phone)	Student? (✓)
Nancy Berber	Nancy Berber	876 Arbutus St. Middletown	(SEE D. SUTHERLAND)	
JENNIFER NADRAW	Jennifer Nadraw	15 Russett Ln. Middletown		
Michael Camerota	Michael Camerota	15 Russett Ln. Middletown		
Gale Rugh	Gale Rugh	6 Pine St. Middletown	jgrugh@sbcglobal.net	
Karla Williams	Karla Williams	135 Maple Shade		
Heidi Foster-Chu	Heidi Foster-Chu	182 Cranbury Lane		
Elizabeth Cho	Elizabeth Cho	182 Cranbury Lane		
Rich Pugliese	Rich Pugliese	1203 Randolph Rd	rich.pug@gmail.com	
Sarah Frost	Sarah Frost	1251-2 Washington St		
Felix Velez	Felix Velez	Butternut St.	budgetcosplay@gmail.com	
Jennifer Velez	Jennifer Velez	Butternut St.		
Josephine Fitch	Josephine Fitch	25 Bertrams Ln. Middletown	jfbai2@gmail.com	
Kurt Wastoy	Kurt Wastoy	423 Coleman Rd.	860-347-2553	
Patricia Elmgren	Patricia Elmgren	32 Cleveland St. Middletown	860-346-7917	
Lucy McMillin	Lucy McMillin	The Pearl St	860-301-1624	

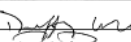
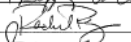
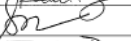
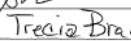
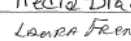
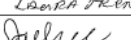
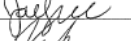


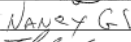
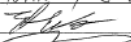

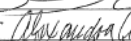
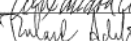
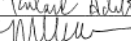
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Vinny D'Antonio	Vinny D'Antonio	7 Edgewood Dr.	dants@att.net	
Sandy Hoffman	Sandy Hoffman	46 Lamp St	sandy.uh@gmail.com	
Nancy Lee	Nancy Lee	307 Tryon St	Nancy.Lee@gmail.com	
James Brown	James Brown	134 Clover St		
Michael Horton	Michael Horton	124 Clover St	asbhorton@gmail.com	
Marissa Hecker	Marissa Hecker	152 Savenor Ave		
Maria Orsh	Maria Orsh	92 Phoenix Dr.		
Jocelyn Preston	Jocelyn Preston	1222 Town Rd.		
Rachel Purcell	Rachel Purcell	208 Fowler Ave		
Patricia Tyson	Patricia Tyson	152 Hunting Hill Ave		

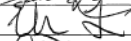

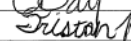
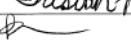



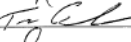
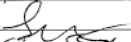
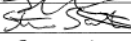
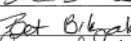
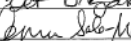
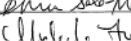
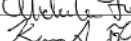
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David Sauer	David Sauer	94 Acorn Dr	860-346-0289	
Priscilla Harnes	Priscilla Harnes	98 Acorn Dr	860 346-0289	
Ann Allister	Ann Allister	834 Long Hill Rd	860 343-9331	
Ann Barber	Ann Barber	14 Red Glen Rd	860 347-2151	
Pam Hartz Miller	Pam Hartz Miller	143 Marquette Rd.	JPmiller143@comcast.net	
Lynne Garner	Lynne Garner	305 East St	lyne.garner@gmail.com	
Rich Marshall	Rich Marshall	111 Delmont Dr		
Judy Goodale	Judy Goodale	17 Fairview Ave		
CATH LECHOWICZ	CATH LECHOWICZ	42 Schuyler Ave	LECHOWICZCATH@gmail.com	
Joseph Lechowicz	Joseph Lechowicz	42 Schuyler Ave	Lechowiczfan@gmail.com	
Jeff J. Miller	Jeff J. Miller	167 Hubbard		



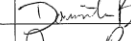
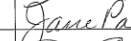
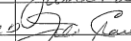
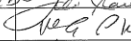
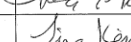

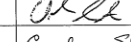
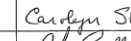
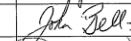
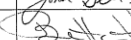

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DUFFY WHITE		161 MT. VERNON ST	860-347-1073	
Rachel Payne		131 Mt. Vernon St	860-852-3201	
Sarah Williams		1905 Long Hill Middtown	860-347-0281	
Teresa Brady		71 Nutmeg Ct	860-344-1716	
Laura Frenkel		7 nutmeg ave	860 347 5732	
Jessie Greene				
Victoria Lomacini		36 Aspen Dr.	860-301-3139	
Marissa DeStefano		206 Plaza Drive		
Nancy Glenn		244 Park St S.		
Ethan Warner		379 deKora Dr.	203-494-9146	
Beth Baker		26 Laurel St	860-575-5007	
Chandra Adair		176 Highland Ave	860-916-6612	
Richard Adelsheim		106 Highland Ave	860 346-8883	
Marie Weinberger		391 Maple Shade	860 788 3493	
Pat Tully		1232 Town Brookside	860-632-8618	

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ALICE RADON		MIDDLETOWN		NO
Ellen Felts		Middletown		
Cassandra Day		604 High St #7	Cday@middletown.org	
Misty Hulse		604 High St	Cday@middletown.org	
Patricia Anceci		Newfield St		
Tina Vardal		Markham St	tvardal2003@yahoo.com	
Dawn Chintz		Spence Dr.		
Trevor Gelineau		1251 Washington St	Tgelineau@psd.k12.mt.edu	
Susan Lichterstein		72 Annellolweg	Susan.Lichterstein@mt.edu	
Steve Santoni		45 Gleason Rd		
Pet Olyak		45 Gleason Rd		
Anna Markowski		1 Red Bud St.	asalomark@gmail.com	
Michelle Fagel		73 Training Hill	mtfor2010@mt.edu	
Kevin Ford		73 Training Hill	kford@mt.edu	NO
Lori Belletor		21 Maple St		

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Bella Cus		24 Burr Ave		
Dominick Braker		567 High St		
Jane Palmer		86 Plumb Rd.		
Tina Crawford		291 Long Hill Rd	twcra@mt.edu	
Margaret Phillips		269 King Hill Rd	mphillips@mt.edu	
Jane Kern		211 Long Hill Rd	LKern@mt.edu	
Adam Stiles		214 Woolsey Cir	stilesa@gmail.com	
Carolyn Shaw		111 Briston Rd.	lyushaw@aol.com	
John Bell III		230 Pearl St. Middletown	bodyworksmt@gmail.com	
Betty Hoane		190 Trolley Crossing Hill	bhoane@red-thread.com	
Ellen Anab		270 Higby Rd, Middletown	ellen@thenextpeace.com	
CHRISTINA WASCH		190 Cicemans Rd, Middletown	C.WASCH@COMCAST.NET	
Cindy Snow		297 Timber Ridge Rd		

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CHARLOTTE McCoin		6216 East St.	860-632-1185	
Jan Thomas		836 Long Hill Rd	860-803-5007	
Linda Schlegel		116 Thomas		
David Brogan		207 George St #125	860-751-2389	
Katherine Marotte		23 Columbus Ave.	860-933-4335	
Ann Ferrell		52 Putnam St	860-680-4730	
Holly Anger		13 Red Grand	860-720-8045	
Kerry Minney		92 Guanine Dr.	860-778-8421	
Kristen Stevens		30 Patterson St.	860-874-7342	
Mary Roquist		123 Ball Ball Rd.	860-346-6083	
Jeanne Krekion		24 McJannet Dr.	860-343-9189	
SUZANNE M. McGee		Laurel Green Rd	8-754-6851	
Jason Cassese		12 Bailey Rd	860-316-5443	
Christina Nishimura		12 Bailey Rd	203-651-9160	

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Robert WALSH		75 Acra Dr.	black/als076796	
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Julie Hurlbut		261 College St #26	860-343-0058	
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Cindy Vidal		606 Cambridge Commons	mona.rata.23@yahoo.com	
Christina Vidal		"	"	
Angi Marano		1 "	"	
Test Charles		243 debutant St		
Mary Ann Bergeron		151 MARKHAM ST	ge.bergeron@bcg.net	

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Renee Antonio		2 Huber Manor Middletown	8733690	
Russell Maxfield		10 Blue Orchard Dr	306-7172	
Alexis Smith-Hennessy		87 George St	860-346-6440	
Brianna O'Leary		50 Deer Drive	860-344-9555	
Carly Carpenter		8 Jefferson Ave	860-347-1986	
William Carpenter		8 Jefferson Ave	860-347-1986	
John Saporito		44 Garfield Ave	860-347-0245	
Olivia Saporito		44 Garfield Ave	860-347-0245	
Rosalee Perce		18 Eagle Hollow Dr	860-635-8458	
Soc Sayers		58 Pleasant Ln	860-347-5764	
Sean Gault		14 Casper Ave	sean.gault@gmail.com	
Russell Sayers		212 Point Hill Rd	860-347-6562	
John DeGroot		115 Man'a Zn	860-709-8957	
Dustin Sayers		519 Columbia Rd	860-344-0290	

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Casey Williamson		193 Evergreen Cir	860-834-1776	
Andrew Kravins		11 Blue Spruce St	203-808-2043	
Kristy Tiede		893 Basswood Dr	203-927-4497	
Scott Clough		273 Basswood Dr	203 915 2598	
Karen Wagner		14 Mansville Rd	860-386-4840	
J Pella		12 Pondview	N/A JPOIK@GCT	outdoor 16
Melissa DiPietro		93 Coles Rd	203-710-8184	
Emily Bailey		150 North Orchard St	(203)605-2510	
Kayanne Crane		399 De Haven Dr	617-291-6714	
Kathy Butterworth		50 Highland Ave	860-759-2324	
Amber Drough		193 Herdley St	860-227-3662	
Camilla Zamboni		1231 Washington St	ccamboni@wcteyan.edu	
Silvan Pamp		47 Wildwood Lane	Spandt@StGregHighSch	
Daniel Lemon		189 Congdon StE	860-301-3479	
Mikayla Rosengrant		71 Blechfield Rd	860 346 3796	

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Anne Lebad Brosh		553 Maple Street	860-262-3848	No
Rachel Drake		414 High St	860-759-3733	No
Justus Admiss		296 Pine St	860-346-7181	No
Jeanette Parrett		1015 Randolph Rd	860-346-6734	No
Santo Spasiano		64 Markham St	860 346 5637	No
Becky Looker		889 Long Hill Rd	860-701-0596	No
Robin Wilcox		8126 Town Ridge	860-552-8406	No
Larry Wenz		595 Maple Street	860 460 7549	No
RALPH A. GARDNER		14 Cassper Ave	203-494-2784	No
Liza Davis		115 Warda Ln	860-818-7678	No
Lise Adams		611 Rowan	860 550-5779	No
Shirley Landon		509 Cleman Rd Middletown	860 916-5998	
Pamela Neumann		255 Crystal Lake	860-347-8508	No
Virginia Houghtaling		1862 S. Main St Middletown	347-6467	No

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William R. PincH		118 High St.		
JENNIFER A. STARRS		118 HIGH ST		
Jennine Goldenberg		128 Lisa Lane		
Alex Goldenberg		128 Lisa Lane		
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JOSEPH GETTER		14 Yellow Birch Rd.	JGetter@gmail.com	
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Simon Getter		"		✓
Heather Varni		273 Farm Hill Rd	hdvarni@gmail.com	
Jason Varni		273 Farm Hill Rd		

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Mike Deming		126 Pearl Street	mdeming@westeyan.edu	✓
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Rebecca McCallum		15 Pearl St.	remc2@mindspring.com	
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Gregory Gabriel		507 Cambridge Conn	ggabriel333@gmail.com	
Josh Hatch				
Robert Nasta		377 Ridge Road	rnasta@mail.com	
Jack Higgins		8 Belvidere Ter.		✓
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Jessica Meyer		1 Yellow Birch Cir	jessmeyer@gmail.com	
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Monica Belyea		186 College St	mbelyea@att.net	
D. Terwilliger		Brooks Rd		
Alexis Johnson		296 Pine St Middletown	296 Pine St Middletown	
Julia Faraci		50 McKenzie St	juliafaraci@gmail.com	
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Y. Francis		25 Mansfield Tce	860-343-3204	
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Kortney Nackowski		741 Atkins St	knackowski@yahoo.com	
Stephen Nackowski		741 Atkins St	bigdad73@yahoo.com	
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Stephen Nackowski		"		✓
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G. M. Dypa	G. M. Dypa	666 Conover St. W.		
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Tasha Carson	Tasha Carson	6 Yellow Green Rd		✓
Katayuna Letourneau	Katayuna Letourneau	9 Keckema Dr.		
Kyrstof Letourneau	Kyrstof Letourneau	9 Keckema Dr.		
Chris Brochu	Chris Brochu	319 Furr Hill Rd.		
Farrada Darling	Farrada Darling	319 Furr Hill Rd.		
Haley Rugh	Haley Rugh	10 Pine St. M-town	Haley.Rugh@gmail.com	✓
Lauren Pedersen	Lauren Pedersen	963 Millbrook Rd	LFIRE@STXGLOBAL.net	
CHRISTIAN PEDERSEN	CHRISTIAN PEDERSEN	963 MILLBROOK RD	"	"
Choune Lee	Choune Lee	45 Jacobs Terr	Middletown.	

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UNDA BOWERS	UNDA BOWERS	Chamberlayne		
Sue Engelhardt	Sue Engelhardt	15 Blue Bell La		
Steven Johnson	Steven Johnson	615 Pine St.		
Yvonne Scarpa	Yvonne Scarpa	603 Cedar Rd		
Janey Lecce	Janey Lecce	380 Coleman Rd		
Caritlin Harrison	Caritlin Harrison	760 Millbrook Rd		
Theresa Lafayette	Theresa Lafayette	150 Seagrass St.		
Carl Lecce	Carl Lecce	380 Coleman Rd		
Andy Curran	Andy Curran	316 PINE ST		
Jen Curran	Jen Curran	"		
John Komarski	John Komarski	2 Tuscan Hills Drive		
Tony Sharillo	Tony Sharillo	81 Margaret Rd		
Steve Lecce	Steve Lecce	955 Street Club		
Heather Fike	Heather Fike	12 Pindwin Dr.		

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James Raza	James Raza	63 Newfield Ct	860-343-0421	
Ron Krom	Ron Krom	23 Mozzetta Pl.	860-685-1918	
Linda Allain	Linda Allain	206 Sand Hill Rd	860-918-4041	
Barbara K. Peterson	Barbara K. Peterson	577 High St.	860-250-4188	
EVAN PETERSON	EVAN PETERSON	577 High St	860-657-6481	
Christine Stasi	Christine Stasi	14 Sunset Terrace RD	860-777-1601	
Kate Wilkie	Kate Wilkie	135 Brown St.	860-638-7850	
CHARLES WILKIE	CHARLES WILKIE	135 BROWN ST	860-638-9286	
Yasmin Kuyun	Yasmin Kuyun	235 Court St.	860-810-0382	
Sharon Emmons	Sharon Emmons	625 Millbrook Rd	860-641-3091	
Brianna Johnston	Brianna Johnston	1 Sidiwa Ln	860-463-2625	
Ed Hall	Ed Hall	5 Orange Rd	860-301-0407	
Michael Case	Michael Case	21 Harbor Lane	(860) 346-1959	
Debbie Gaurie	Debbie Gaurie	5111 Town Place	860-301-2686	
Christina Case	Christina Case	27 Hampton Lane	860-301-2381	